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Victor Mordock says the next Congress will be a six-ringed circus with plenty of exhibition.

Since the people do not seem to agree with Mr. Taft concerning Richard Achilles Ballinger, ought the President be congratulated on that fact?

Those members of the Ohio Senate who have started out to hamstring the Governor in his laudable enterprises of reform especially the lowering of the tax rate, the installation of systematic regulation of the public utilities, centralized administration of the eleemosynary institutions of the state and the selection of U. S. Senators by the popular voice, should be taken in hand by their constituents and shown where to head in. There should be added a commission to sell the canals and get rid of the expense of maintaining them for they are of no account to the people at large. This commission should be instructed to wipe out this old wreck within two years.

A SERMON ON MODESTY.

Modesty was the apt theme on which Col. Roosevelt enlarged in his pulpit address to a church gathering of negroes in Atlanta. "The worst thing that can happen to you," he exhorted his hearers, "is to get conceited." Bashfulness, diffidence, self-effacement, modesty—these are the virtues by which the illustrious preacher has observed, men rise upward to success. In a busy life he has acquired all the moral precepts, and none he holds more important in daily apperception than the wise maxim against blowing your own horn. Vanity is the weakness with which weaker souls are beset. Cocksureness is a pitfall for the feet of ignorance. The just and righteous man, according to the Rooseveltian commandment, does good by stealth and blushes to find it known.

In all creation the shrinking violet appeals to the Colonel as the noblest of emblems. As a faunal naturalist he adores the shy and retiring rabbit as the model of human conduct. Nothing in all the animal kingdom is so offensive to his delicate sense of propriety as the self-sufficient Chantrelle who bids the sun rise and summons all his admirers about him to witness his glorious feat.—New York World.

JURY REFORM.

The jury system as it stands in our state facilitates injustice and should be changed. Such is the peculiar social and political organization that there are influences and interests controlled by attorneys, in some centers, which are able to prevent a proper verdict under the present system and which do prevent the administration of justice. Here is the defect of the present system. It requires a unanimous decision—that all may coincide. Now, it frequently happens that an influential attorney will have one man, and, possibly, two or three, on almost any jury in his county, which he is able to influence without approaching at all—that his very environments influence. Some times this influence may be unconscious and at other times it may be the result of an indulgent moral sense but that it does exist and that it makes it a difficult matter to administer justice and enforce the laws fairly nobody knows better than the lawyers and the judges. But there is an easy cure for this condition of affairs. That is to make legal a verdict by a three-fourths segment of the jury. That will permit 8 men out of 12 to decide a case rather than an obsessed, a purchased, an influenced, or, once in a long time, a thoroughly and bravely honest individual. Where the people are up-to-date they have thrown out this antiquated jury system and let a three-fourths majority rule instead of an one-twelfth or a two-twelfths minority. If this system were changed there would seldom be a failure to secure a verdict and seldom be a miscarriage of justice.

A BUSINESS SESSION PROMISED.

Most cheering of all the news that has come out of Washington for months is the announcement that the Democrats intend to make the coming extra session of Congress a business session. The country at large must greet with pleasure the word that when its representatives assemble they will go to work at once on what is set for them to do, finish it as rapidly as is consistent with common carelessness, and then adjourn.

The group upon which has devolved the steering of the lower House, with its Democratic majority, has realized that not everything the Democrats might put through would meet with the approval of the Senate, that the two Houses might come to a deadlock that would prolong the session far into the summer, and in the end have accomplished nothing that could not have been done decently in a few weeks. It is to avoid such a time wasting deadlock that they have moved to have the co-operation of the Senate in framing legislation.

It is planned, and all but agreed, that when there is introduced into the lower house a measure which might not pass the Senate it shall be surveyed by an informal joint committee of the two Houses, that the temper of the Senate on every question shall be learned before the house passes upon it and sends it up for the official action of the upper body. Thus, desired legislation will be protected against the delays that occur when the Senate spends days in debate on a House measure and finally sends it back amended, to be reargued and voted on once more.

This is in violation of ancient precedent. Under ordinary conditions the Democratic House would be expected to hurry through measures calculated to meet the demands of the people at home, send them up to the Senate in the knowledge that they would be killed there, and then call public attention to the fact as an indication that the Democrats of the house had done their duty, but had been balked of results by the Republicans of the Senate. That is the time honored method of playing the political game.

There are many reasons, say the leaders of the new house, why the traditional procedure will be overturned in the extra session. Chief among them is that of the personal discomfort of living in Washington in the summer, which nearly every member of the federal government agrees is to be avoided if possible. Thinking of the temperature that prevails in the capital when the north woods are at their best has brought about the desire to compromise.

It will be well if, for any reason, the sixty-second Congress proves itself an organization capable of moving in a businesslike way its duties to perform. If it puts through quickly the Canadian reciprocity measure and wastes no time in making any amendments it reasonably can make to the general tariff law it will have conferred a favor on the country. The country does not wish to have the general business condition muddled by ill considered schemes or lengthy arguments put forth in Washington. The two branches of Congress can work together for the good of everyone.—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

LAYMEN'S CONVENTION.

The Laymen's Convention being held at Epworth M. E. church is a larger affair than many anticipate. Practical missionaries from Africa Asia and other fields are present to explain their work, their difficulties their needs and their successes. In the past the women seemed to have been mainly concerned in this work but in recent years a movement has been effected to organize the men both in denominations and interdenominationally with the result that a new power is being given to the cause. In addition to the church work a vast amount of information is being disseminated concerning the people and the countries where missionary work is being pushed. Our people frequently get wrong impressions about the people of China, Corea, India, and the interior of Africa and these notions are corrected by men who have lived in those countries and thoroughly understand themselves. The regular convention work is being held today and will be closed with a mass meeting and general discussion tonight when important facts will be emphasized from all the foreign fields.

It has been decided by the Supreme Court that the corporation tax law is valid. That helps Uncle Sam's strong box by about \$25,000,000 annually.

It is to be hoped the Democrats will knock out that inglorious fraud known as the Currency Reform commission which turns out to be nothing but a watering place for lame ducks and a burden of expense on the taxpayers. There are gathering such disciples of Mammon as Aldrich, Hale, Bailey, Curtis and others in that body and they spend the people's money like water. Let our Senators and Representatives who believe in an economical administration throw out these lame ducks who are hunting a soft place to light. These fellows are preying on the people, living like princes of the earth at the public expense.

STRIKE BRINGS COAL FAMINE

Somerset and Small Towns Short of Coal—Food Scarce Too.

SITUATION GROWING ACUTE

Reports of Violence Coming From all Points—Engineers Fear Strikers.

Won't Work at Night. Strike Breaking Firms Deserting—Freight Yards Congested.

Serious Rioting in Oakdale—Several Negro Firemen Driven From Engines Yesterday are Missing—Charles Schwartz, Special Agent for Queen and Crescent Receives Rifle Wound—River Boats Delayed.

By United Press Wire. Somerset, Ky., March 14.—Somerset and many smaller towns are today facing a famine of coal, while hotels and restaurants and stores are inconvenienced by shortage of food-stuffs as a result of the strike of more than 200 Queen & Crescent firemen. The situation today is growing acute. The white firemen struck because they charge they were refused assurance of being promoted ahead of the negro firemen. Reports of violence are coming from many points. Engineers are refusing to move freight trains at night and strike-breaking firemen are deserting.

Freight Yards Congested. Freight yards all along the line of the Queen & Crescent are congested. The local electric light power plant may be forced to close unless coal can be secured today. Passenger trains passing through here last night and this morning were from half an hour to three hours late. At Kings Mountain, where rioting occurred yesterday when freight trains were held up, further trouble is feared today. Armed mountaineers are reported to be flocking into town.

Serious Rioting. Reports here this morning indicate probably serious rioting at Oakdale, Tennessee, today. Several negro firemen, driven from engines yesterday, are missing. A Queen & Crescent special agent named Charles Schwartz of St. Louis was taken to a hospital here this morning in a serious condition, as the result of a rifle wound. Cumberland river boats are being delayed today because of lack of coal. Master Mechanic T. O. Sechrist, formerly of Louisville, Kentucky, has been firing a switch engine in the yards here until a jail prisoner was released under guard to act as fireman. Sechrist has also fired on several passenger runs since the strike.

Trainmaster Firing. Chief Trainmaster C. E. Mitchell has also been firing on a passenger run out of Danville. James Carroll, a special guard of Cincinnati, who was wounded Sunday, will probably not live through the day.

"We are in for a fight to the finish and we will win," declared H. O. Teat, vice president of the Brotherhood of Firemen, Tuesday morning. "Our cause has not been properly represented and we are now carrying out a campaign of publicity to put our cause up to the people."

Teat went into a secret conference with a committee of the striking firemen this morning. Sensational developments are predicted today. It is rumored here the strike will either be settled within 36 hours or the engineers will go out. The firemen are holding a meeting at Lexington, Danville, Kentucky, Cumberland Falls, Oakdale, Glen Mary, Tennessee, today.

A local freight northbound started today with five armed men aboard in an effort to move perishable freight. This is the first time an attempt has been made to run the train since Thursday.

Threatened with violence by the Kings Mountain vigilance committee, an engineer, fireman and three Queen & Crescent special agents carrying guns and disguised as drummers. No shots were fired, according to reports, but there was an armed demonstration.

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While Mr. Rankin is building the new fireproof building for the use of the company, he has arranged fine temporary quarters at 40 West Gay street, in the property owned by Mr. W. J. Elber. The new building will probably be completed by July or before. The assets of the company are now over \$4,500,000, all loaned on homes, the safest of all mortgage loans. Five per cent paid on time deposits.

DEATH CLAIMS MRS. W. H. SPRAGUE

Death Came by the Disease of Cancer.

Mrs. Jane Sprague, wife of W. H. Sprague, of LaRue, died at her home Saturday morning as a result of cancer. Mrs. Sprague was born in Marion county, June 15th, 1847. On the 24th of November 1864 she was united in

marriage to Mr. Sprague. To this union were born three children, two of whom, preceded their mother in death. One daughter, Mrs. E. J. Howser of LaRue survives. Besides the husband and daughter, four sisters, Mrs. Elizabeth Miller of Augusta, Mrs. Hannah Folt of Dunkirk, Mrs. Sarah Johnson, of LaRue, Mrs. Patience Dilline of Kenton and one brother George Clark survive to mourn the loss of the dear one.

Funeral services were held yesterday afternoon at the Baptist church in LaRue, conducted by Rev. G. E. Barnard, assisted by Revs. Ferguson and Scott of LaRue. Interment was made in the LaRue cemetery.

—Syc. C. TAO MFW MFWW

EMMA TOOK

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Attorney Cooper applied for an injunction against the declaration of the election, the formal nuptial rites, and got it. But County Judge Parrish sealed the ballot boxes, turned them over to County Clerk Ezell, with instructions to lock them in the vault and surrender them to no one but himself, and then he drove out of the county. This delayed the wedding for a while, but the situation was compromising, and soon was ended.

Crosbyton Wins. Crosbyton won by the runaway flight from Emma's old home. Never before was just such a spectacle witnessed as during the hot days and nights when Emma was carried across Italy's pasture with injunctions and other things threatened, but the houses, stores, churches and schools steadily moved forward toward Crosbyton.

From an airship it would have looked like an irregular procession of immense beetles crawling across the fields, or an army of assorted ants making off with huge chunks of spoils. The ants were tractor engines of all sorts and kinds, from road rollers to tractor plows and motor and trucks.

But not until winter was the county seat moved, for the defeated suitors kept fighting long after the town had disappeared, leaving the townsites of Emma a ghastly splotch of desolation and cellar holes. Finally the county commissioners held a meeting at which they sent for Judge Randolph of Plainville to come and advise them on the situation. When he came he promptly advised them to quit and then it was that the county seat moved to Crosbyton. This is an episode characteristic of the stirring methods of the Texas panhandle where the influx of population to the rich lands has made precedent a useless theory and conventions that do not help in "getting there" useless myths.

AGRICULTURAL CARS A SUCCESS

By United Press Wire.

By A. P. Sanders, Secretary of Ohio State board of agriculture. Celina, O., March 14.—On the first day out with the Ohio Agricultural Educational train, citizens where the train passed have turned out in mass. At several points the big train would not hold all who came, and overflow meetings had to be held. The crops of twenty lecturers were taxed to their utmost. Questions came thick and fast but answers were always ready.

The sentiment for agricultural education was manifest at every stop. People were eager to learn of the work being done by the state agricultural institution. This information alone made people enthusiastic over the coming of the train.

On every hand there is a demand for agriculture being taught in public schools. Several visitors made the suggestion that Ohio could do nothing better than to have an exhibition showing the resources and possibilities of the state travel over Ohio.

Those in charge of the train had difficulty in getting visitors out of the exhibit cars, so strong were its educational features.

There is developing in the counties through which the train passed a keen interest in the growing of sugar beets. C. H. Allen who promoted the Paullink sugar beet fac-

While Building

The Offices of the Buckeye State Building and Loan Company Will be at 40 West Gay Street, Columbus, Ohio.

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ories, made strong arguments and told of many good reasons why this crop could be grown at great profit without exhausting the soil. Of the many agricultural trains run in Ohio none have been greeted with such tremendous crowds as this one. The great interest of the town people, who have been heretofore somewhat indifferent toward farm development work, was one of the most striking features and lessons of the day.

The exhibit car caused hundreds of people to say: "We'll stay right here in Ohio." All that other states can do, Ohio can do. Land and promoting agents from Canada, the far far western and southern states have been inducing thousands of Ohio farmers to leave our state.

The counter-movement has set in, and Ohio people are finding out that this is the best state in the union for agricultural products, and they have the best and greatest markets at home—right at their door.

DICKENSON DENIES ALL

By United Press Wire. New York, March 14.—General and specific denials formed the whole of an interview granted by Secretary of War Dickenson today just before he went to the office of the Panama railway to discuss freight rates. Among the reports denied by the war secretary were:

That there is friction between members of the president's cabinet as the result of the "maneuvers."

That he (Dickenson) postponed his trip to Panama because of the Mexican situation.

That there is any intention of sending troops to the Rio Grande.

That the Ninth and Eleventh cavalry have been ordered to remain in readiness for immediate service on the Mexican border.

That the United States plans to send another army of 20,000 men to Texas.

That the movement of these men, or of the militia organizations is even contemplated.

The English report that the American army movement toward Mexico was to head off a proposed arrangement between Mexico and Japan.

He said that he did not know when he would go to Panama as the question of settling the affairs of the Panama Railway company, which came up at the meeting in this city today, was most important.

BLOW WAS AIMED AT AMERICANS

By United Press Wire.

New York March 14.—That the suspension of constitutional guarantees in Mexico by President Diaz was directly aimed at the Americans who are aiding in the revolution was intimated by Minister Limantour today. If it was not for the active aid of Americans in the insurgent ranks, he said the revolution would collapse in a hurry, and he insisted that the Americans when captured cannot fall back on the United States for protection.

Following another conference with Limantour the Mexican ambassador, Senor De La Barra, returned to Washington today.

When asked regarding the report that an additional army division would be sent to the Mexican border Limantour said:

"The Mexican government has received assurances that such reinforcements shall not be sent forward. They are not needed to patrol the border at all."

"Every report I have received shows that Americans have been more active in the ranks of the insurgents than Mexicans. They can scarcely expect protection under their own flag and they must take their own chances when committing depredations on property under a foreign flag."

March 14 in American History.

1900—Rev. Thomas Kincaid Beecher, noted Congregationalist minister, died; born 1824.

1891—A mob in New Orleans captured the city prison and killed 11 Italians, alleged members of the Mafia and charged with collusion in the killing of Chief of Police Hennessy. This affair led to diplomatic complications, the United States declining responsibility.

1894—John T. Ford, well known theatrical manager and owner of the opera house where President Lincoln was assassinated by John Wilkes Booth, died; born 1829.

ASTRONOMICAL EVENTS.

(From noon today to noon tomorrow.) Sun sets 6:02, rises 6:07; moon rises 5:38 p. m.; 6:50 p. m., eastern time, full moon; midnight, one-fifth of the year gone.

TELEGRAPH TABLETS.

New York—A baseball game, with five on each side, was played on a canvas enclosed space on the promenade deck of the liner Martha Washington on her last trip. Nine innings were played with a score of twenty-four to one.

Hartford, Conn.—Trinity students shifted the scene for Robert M. Mott's "King Lear" owing to a strike of stage hands.

New York—Lines L. Fletcher, fifty eight, a wealthy Yonkers manufacturer, married Miss Margaret Vanderbrush, nineteen his housekeeper, partly because he was so fond of her place.

Boston—Prominent Bostonians are attacking the military record of General B. F. Butler to prevent a statue being raised to him on the city's house grounds.

New York—To win a fifteen-cent bet John Murray took a swim in the East River and died today from the shock.

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CONGRESS WILL CENSURE TAFT

Senator Poindexter Progressive, Asserts Taft will Suffer For His Hasty Action in Protecting Wall Street.

By United Press Wire. St. Paul, Minn., March 14.—Attacking the policy of mobilizing American troops on the Mexican border, Senator Poindexter, Republican, Washington, militant progressive, today declared that congress will demand reasons from President Taft when it convenes in extra session.

"Certainly this matter will be investigated by congress," declared Poindexter. "I understand President Taft has given out two different statements with reference to this order and I have no doubt inquiry will be made as to which statement is correct. If he merely planned a maneuver, as indicated by his first statement, then he has undertaken a step to prove our preparedness for war, nearly as expensive as a new army. If his last statement is correct as now seems apparent, he has practically usurped the powers of congress by making a demonstration that is almost equivalent to a declaration of war."

Poindexter now thinks the extra session of congress will cause trouble for Taft by criticizing the Mexican situation and putting off action on his pet Canadian reciprocity scheme.

"This collecting our army on the Mexican border is without precedent," Poindexter said. "It seems to me that the explanation lies in the great concessions Americans have from the Diaz government. The trusts probably are afraid that if the insurgents are successful the new government may not respect these concessions, and, therefore, they have taken steps to see that the revolutionary party is not successful."

Chicago—Ella Flagg Young offered \$100 for an invention to silence "L" trains passing school-houses. A letter today advised the building of a velvet fence between the tracks and the tracks.

Chicago—The boy classics Oliver Optic and Horatio Alger Jr., were today barred from the Chicago schools libraries as behind the times and "no better than dime novels."

Chicago—A local paper today carries this ad: "Man, aged twenty-five, references, industrious, unable to find work will sell himself into slavery for his keep. Make an offer."

Tucson, Ariz.—Burial Bill Co. loomed up today as candidate as the first United States senator from Arizona. Cody says he always had a "hankering to go to congress."

Neola, Iowa—Not at all put out by the refusal of Mrs. Mary Rodecker to marry him, W. H. Butler, seventy-seven years old, immediately proposed to her daughter, Elsie, twenty-five years old, and was accepted.

Springfield, Ill.—The old rooming house here which was occupied for many years by W. H. Herndon, Abraham Lincoln's law partner, destroyed by fire.

Elgin, Ill.—With Elgin's first campaign under commission government near a close, the smokers of the town have not received a single cigar from the six majority and fifty commission candidates.

Fremont, Ohio—Flames, starting from burning rubbish, destroyed a number of trees in Spiegel Grove the Hayes home. Volunteers saved the Hayes mansion.

Special Announcement to the Trade and Public.

J. B. Layton has joined the Marion new Central Delivery System to take effect Monday morning all goods will be delivered to any part of the city free of charge. 3-14t

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